>**Title:** Made references to the passing away of Shri M.R. Masani, a member of Legislative Assembly (Central), Constituent Assembly, Provisional Parliament, Second and Fourth Lok Sabha on 27th May, 1998.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the passing away of Shri M.R. Masani.

Shri M.R. Masani was a Member, Legislative Assembly (Central) during 1945-47 and was a Member of the Constituent Assembly of India during 1947-48 and Provisional Parliament during 1949-52. Later on, he was elected to Second Lok Sabha from Ranchi-East Parliamentary constituency of Bihar during 1957-62 and Fourth Lok Sabha from Rajkot Parliamentary constituency of Gujarat during 1967-70.

A renowned nationalist, Shri Masani participated in the Civil disobedience and Quit India Movement and suffered imprisonment for several years.

An outstanding Parliamentarian, Shri Masani left an indelible imprint of his contribution on the proceedings of the House.

A widely travelled person Shri Masani was the Ambassador of India in Brazil during 1948-49 and Chairman of the U.N. Sub-commission for Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities during 1950-52.

Shri Masani passed away on 27th May, 1998 at Mumbai at the age of 92. With his death, the country has lost a great patriot and nationalist of great repute.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

MR. SPEAKER: Now Papers to be laid on the Table.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: First Papers to be laid on the Table. Papers to be laid are important. Please cooperate with me.

DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (MADURAI): Sir, I have given you a notice of breach of privilege... .. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let the Papers be laid first.

... (Interruptions)

DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Sir, privilege matters get precedence over Papers to be laid...(Interruptions).

12.00 hrs

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(i) Annual Review, Audited Accounts along with Annual Report of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Calcutta and Bharat Earth Movers Ltd Bangalore for the year 1996-97 statement showing reasons for delay in laying statements.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : Sir, on behalf of Shri George Fernandes, I beg to lay on the Table :-

(Placed in Library See No. LT.176-179A)

(ii) A copy of Annual Report alongwith Audited Accounts and review of working of Building Material and Technology Promotion Council, New Delhi etc for the year 1996-97.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : Sir, I beg to lay on the table : -

(Placed in Library See No. LT. 180-189)

(iii) (a) Notifications under Railways Act 1989

(b) Annual Report Audited Accounts alongwith Annual Review about the working of RITES,IRCON Ltd for the year 1996-97.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:-

(Placed in Library See No. LT. 190-195)

(iv) Memorandum of Undertaking with Sponge Iron and Hindustan Copper Ltd. for the year 1998-99 alongwith Annual Report, Audited Accounts & review of the working of Hindustan Copper Ltd etc for the year 1996-97.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS):

Sir, on behalf of Shri Naveen Patnaik, I beg to lay on the Table :-

(Placed in Library See No. LT> 196-199)

(v) Economic Survey 1997-98 (Hindi & English Versions)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA):Sir I beg to lay on the Table :-

(Placed in Library See No. LT.200)

(vi) Annual Report. Audited Accounts alongwith review of working of Central Government Employees Welfare Organisations, New Delhi for the year 1996-97 with statement showing delay in layinh these papers.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): Sir, on behalf of Shri Bandru Dattatreya, I beg to lay on the Table :-

(Placed in Library See No.LT. (201-203)

(vii) Memorandum of Understanding (English & Hindi Version) with Ferro Scarp Nigam Ltd and MSTC Ltd for the year 1998-99.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES(SHRI RAMESH BAIS):-

Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:-

(Placed in Library See No. LT. (204-205)